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SUBJECT: HILEX-6 AUTOSEVOCOM COMMUNICATIONS

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1. DURING THE RECENT HILEX-6, THE SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (AUTOSEVOCOM PRIORITY EUROPE, FLASH GOLBAL) BETWEEN USNATO AND WASHINGTON DID NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CRISIS MANAGEMENT OPERATION.

2. USNATO CONTINUES, WITHIN THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE, EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE THE EXISTING AUTOSEVOCOM EQUIPMENT AND CIRCUITRY, REALIZING THAT AT BEST THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS LIKELY TO REMAIN AT MINIMAL LEVELS OF ACCEPTANCE. WE ARE EVALUATING AND UPGRADING EACH SEGMENT, COMMENCING WITH USNATO, THEN THROUGH NATO HQ, THE BELGIAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, AND THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORTING MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AT CHIEVRES AND SHAPE.

AS RESULT OF THE RECENT VISIT TO THE MISSION OF A COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS OFFICER FROM STATE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE

OF COMMUNICATIONS, ON THE QUALITY OF THE USNATO AUTOSEVOCOM EQUIPMENT AND CIRCUITRY THE MISSION HOPES TO RECEIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE RESULTS OF BOTH THE TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF USNATO AND THE RELATED AUTOSEVOCOM REVIEW IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.

3. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITATIONS OF THE PRESENT SYSTEMS, PLEASE ADVISE WHEN USNATO CAN ANTICIPATE TECHNICAL UPGRADING OF THE AUTOSEVOCOM EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM BETWEEN WASHINGTON (STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS) AND USNATO.

4. WE NOTE THE LITTLE USE WAS MADE OF THE NATO SECURE VOICE SYSTEM DURING HILEX-6. THIS MAY BE BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY ONE NATO TERMINAL IN WASHINGTON D.C. (NMCC). THIS SINGLE TERMINAL MAY INHIBIT ITS USE, SUGGEST CONSIDERATION TO EXPAND USE BY TYING IN NATO SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT WITH U.S. WIDE-BAND SECURE VOICE.

5. MR. GRAY OF USNATO COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS DIRECTORATE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 2-10 AND WILL SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH STATE/DEFENSE

COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO DETERMINE BEST METHODS OF EXPEDITING TRAFFIC INCLUDING OVER THE NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.
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